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Mr Ed. Gottlieb  
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Dear Gottlieb:

I have been looking to hear from you every day, but I know the basketball has you pretty busy. It must be a grand feeling to see big crowds, and every promotion a success. I sincerely hope it will continue.

My real reason for writing you today. Even though you did not have a lot to say at our meeting in Philly, I had a feeling you had the same attitude I have about the baseball for the coming year. I guess I should have talked to you more about it. When you announced you had not tried to get gasoline yet, I assumed you felt as I did, the outlook is not so hot. If you feel that way, The Stars and The Eagles are the only two teams that do. I had a letter from Mr Johnson of The Yankees, and he is even advancing money to the players. Isn't that something? If you don't agree with us, we are all alone( we have been alone so much we are used to itHa'Ha'). I believe we will be very lucky to be able to play week ends and get in a night or two a week if we can, and leave the men in defence plants. However if THE LEAGUE decides to play a full schedule we will go along.

Now the reason for the letter, as you know by now, I never give up until the last horn blows, so I am working on something that might do us some good. I would like to get the names addresses, and if possible the draft board number of all the men who are planning to go to Mexico to play ball. It doesn't make sense that they would be planning to go but they are. Dandridge has already quit his defence job, taking a weeks rest, before leaving. The man from Mexico is due here any day, and the men are supposed to leave the middle of March. I expect to go to Washington to see someone really important who could help us. Would you be able to meet me there? Whether you do or not, please get me the names I asked for if you can. Incidentally I would appreciate that check.

Very Truly Yours